CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

assigning an individual identifier to ~~the clients comprising~~ a set of clients;

assigning a group identifier to a subset of [[the]] clients within the set of clients; and

enabling a first client in said set to determine whether a message is sent to the first client or to the subset.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further including sending a single message to a subset of said clients.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1 including sending television content to a plurality of clients.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein assigning an individual identifier includes assigning a code portion that identifies a particular client as belonging to a subset of clients within the set of clients.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 4 including comparing a group identifier, received by a client with a message, to the client's individual identifier to determine whether the particular client is within the addressed subset.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1 including addressing the same message to a subset of clients.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1 including sending a message to a client in a unidirectional messaging system.

8.   (Currently Amended) An article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

assign an individual identifier to ~~a client comprising~~ a set of clients;

assign a group identifier to a subset of clients the client within the set of clients; and

enable a first client in said set to determine whether a message is sent to the first client or to the subset.

9. (Original) The article of claim 8 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to send a single message to a subset of said clients.

10. (Original) The article of claim 8 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to send television content to a plurality of clients.

11. (Original) The article of claim 8 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to assign a code portion that identifies a particular client as belonging to a subset of clients within the set of clients.

12. (Original) The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to compare a group identifier, received by a client with a message, to the client's individual identifier to determine whether the client is within the address subset.

13. (Original) The article of claim 8 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to address the same message to a subset of clients.

14. (Original) The article of claim 8 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to send a message to a client in a unidirectional messaging system.

15. (Original) A method comprising:
providing at least two agents on a client;
assigning a different address to each of said agents; and
determining whether a message received by said client is addressed to one of said agents.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 including sending at least two different types of messages to said client.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 16 including sending messages including software and messages not including software.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 17 including assigning different addresses to messages to a client that include software and messages that do not include software.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 18 including addressing messages including software to an agent on the client that is adapted to handle the downloading of software.

20.   (Original) The method of claim 15 including assigning an individual identifier to the clients comprising a set of clients, assigning a group identifier to a subset of the clients within the set of clients, and enabling a first client in said set to determine whether a message is sent to the first client or the subset.

21.   (Original) An article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

provide at least two agents on a client;

assign a different address to each of said agents; and

determine whether a message received by said client is addressed to one of said agents.

22.   (Original) The article of claim 21 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to send at least two different types of messages to said client.

23.   (Original) The article of claim 22 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to send messages including messages including software and messages not including software.

24.   (Original) The article of claim 23 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to assign different addresses to messages to a client that include software and messages that do not include software.

25.   (Original) The article of claim 24 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to address messages including software to an agent on the client, said agent adapted to handle the downloading of software.

26.   (Original) The article of claim 21 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to assign an individual identifier to the clients comprising a set of clients, assign a group identifier to a subset of the clients within the set of clients and enable a first client in the first set to determine whether a message is sent to the first client or the subset.

27.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a processor-based device; and

a storage coupled to said device, said storage storing instructions that enable the processor-based device to assign an individual identifier to ~~the clients comprising~~ a set of clients, assign a group identifier to a subset of the clients within the set of clients and enable a first client in said set to determine whether a message is sent to the first client or to the subset.

28.   (Original) The system of claim 27 wherein said system distributes television content to a plurality of clients.

29.   (Original) The system of claim 27 including a comparator that compares a group identifier, received by a client with a message, to the client's individual identifier to determine whether the particular client is within the addressed subset.

30.   (Original) A system comprising:

a processor-based device; and

a storage coupled to said device storing instructions that enable the processor-based device to handle at least two agents on a client, assign a different address to each of said agents and determine whether a message received by the client is addressed to one of said agents.